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DLNR DEDICATES NEW FLOATING DOCKS AT ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR

HONOLULU - Governor Linda Lingle and the Department of Land and Natural Resources today dedicated three new floating docks at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor. Installation of these new structures is the latest phase of an ongoing renaissance for the harbor and a multi-year effort by the Lingle-Aiona Administration to upgrade small boat harbor facilities statewide.

“The investment in the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor highlights the commitment my Administration has made to upgrade and modernize our aging infrastructure statewide,” said Governor Lingle. “The improvements to this small boat harbor facility and many others around the state that had been neglected for decades will help ensure our residents and visitors can enjoy safe and easy access to the ocean.”

Over \$5.3 million has been spent to make much needed improvements at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and an additional \$2.25 million in projects are presently under design and will be put out to bid this summer. These projects include the replacement of concrete piers at the Transient docks and 700 Row, and critical water and sewer improvements.

Today’s dedication, combined with the replacement of the F Dock in late 2007, brings 248 slips back into service for Hawai‘i’s boating community. Another 40 slips at the harbor’s Transient Docks and 700 Row will be replaced in the next year.

“A few years ago we stood at a crossroads, lacking funding to repair docks at Ala Wai that were falling into the harbor waters,” said DLNR Director Laura H. Thielen. “We committed to making Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor the flagship recreational harbor in the State and here we stand today witnessing its rebirth.

“Although we have made great progress, there is still a great deal of work to be done at Ala Wai,” added Thielen.

“The Department’s Recreational Renaissance Plan would have funded an additional \$5.4 million in much needed improvements at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, but unfortunately the plan was not passed by the Legislature,” Thielen said. “The department still plans to push on and implement as many components of the Recreational Renaissance as possible. The investment we make today in our harbors, parks and trails

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will reap benefits for future generations.”

Construction Details

The Floating Docks B, C and D are located in the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor in Honolulu on the ‘ewa side of the recently completed Floating Docks F and G, which were completed in 2007 and 2002, respectively.

Work began November 10, 2008 to demolish the existing cross dock and floating docks B, C and D, and installing new engineered aluminum framed floating dock systems to replace the existing concrete fixed and floating docks, which had been in service since 1972.

Modular sections of the floating dock were fabricated by Bluewater Marine in Waialua, O‘ahu and delivered directly into the water at Ala Wai then assembled to form the main and finger piers.

The new floating dock system is constructed of corrosion-resistant, 6000 series aluminum frames that sit on heavy-duty, polyethylene foam-filled floats. The aluminum frame is topped with plastic composite decking. The dock system consists of a 389-foot long, 8-foot wide main pier, which is connected to the new floating cross-dock.

Installation of the docks by Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co. began in December 2008 and was completed early this month. Finger piers were installed on both sides of the main piers to provide safe access to the boats moored at these docks. There are 12-40’ and 15-26’ long finger piers on Dock B, 30-26’ long finger piers on Dock C, and 15-26’ and 14-30’ long finger piers on Dock D.

The existing fixed concrete cross-dock was also replaced with a new, engineered aluminum framed floating dock system. The new dock systems were selected because of their durability and low maintenance. Also, the dock systems, which are made up of modular sections can be easily reconfigured and quickly repaired if it is damaged.

Amenities of the new dock structures include dock boxes, modular power pedestals (electrical), potable water, fire protection, and optional cable and telephone service.

The project cost is \$2,850,750. A \$10 million lump sum, capital improvement project allotment approved in 2007 paved the way for the dock replacement. Mitsunaga and Associates, Inc. was the engineering consulting firm on the project.

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